

ELECTION 2017

POLL BY COMRES/SUNDAY MIRROR

CON 46%

LAB 34%

LIB DEM 8%

UKIP 5%

OTHERS 7%

Corbyn: We can net surprise win

ARSENAL fan Jeremy Corbyn hailed his team's FA Cup Final triumph as a reminder Labour can upset the odds. He quipped yesterday: "Underdogs win." His confidence came after his party was boosted by a series of polls. One for the Sunday Telegraph had the Tories just six points clear. They were down two points in the past week to 44%, with Labour up four to 38%. An Observer survey found the Tory advantage had fallen from 13 to 10 points. While a Sunday Mirror poll had them on 46% and Labour on 34%.

No clear figure on care costs

VOTERS still do not know how much social care would cost after the Tories' embarrassing Dementia Tax U-turn. Theresa May ditched manifesto plans to scrap a cap limiting how much people must pay for their own care. But yesterday Home Secretary Amber Rudd said the Tories did not know "where the cap will be". Families fear losing their homes and savings to pay for care. In 2011, a Government inquiry suggested setting it at £35,000. Recently, measures in force in 2020 put the cap at £72,000.

Fox hunt demo heads to No10

ANTI-hunt demonstrators will march on Downing Street today opposing a plot to bring back fox hunting. Thousands are expected to protest because Theresa May has vowed to have a free vote on hunting, paving the way to axe the 12-year-old ban. Downton Abbey star and animal rights activist Peter Egan accused the PM of "seriously flawed thinking". Campaign organiser Dominic Dyer said they wanted to show Britain is a "beacon of light when it comes to wildlife protection and animal welfare".

Labour firm on Trident pledge

LABOUR'S defence chief has backed Jeremy Corbyn's assurance they will not review Trident after the election. Nia Griffith confirmed Labour would continue with the submarine-based defence system, saying: "We have a very clear party policy." Mr Corbyn is not a fan of Trident but has vowed to respect the party stance. Ms Griffith also claimed a Labour government would "absolutely" keep up RAF bombing raids against ISIS. She added: "We need to pursue Daesh wherever they recruit."



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A RIGHT DO Home Secretary Abbott around time of her IRA comments and today

Diane has another hairy TV moment

DIANE Abbott had her latest disastrous interview yesterday as she was grilled about her views on the IRA - and evaded the questioning by talking about her hairstyle. The Shadow Home Secretary was asked on the BBC's Andrew Marr Show if she regretted saying of the IRA in the 1980s that "every defeat of the British state is a victory for all of us". And she said: "It was 34 years ago, I had a rather splendid Afro at the time. I

don't have the same hairstyle, I don't have the same views. It was 34 years ago. The hairstyle is gone, some of the views are gone." Home Secretary Amber Rudd said: "I've changed my hairstyle a few times in 34 years but I've not changed my view on how to keep British people safe." And asked if Ms Abbott's comments trivialised the IRA, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said: "Diane's hairstyle is a matter for Diane."



SHOPPED He leaves with purchase in bag

Ex-PM 'jumps queue' for socks

A SHOPPER filmed former Prime Minister David Cameron as he appears to jump to the front of a queue to buy socks. The ex-Tory leader popped into the Oxford Street branch of JD Sports in London to pick up a budget multipack. Flanked by two bodyguards, he can be seen taking the white socks to the cash desk before realising he has the wrong size. Mr Cameron then swaps them before heading back to the cashier - apparently pushing past at least 10 other shoppers. Before leaving, he is heard saying, "We'll have to skip this," as he realises he is being filmed. The shopper, who asked not to be named, said: "He looked completely out of place. "I don't know why he was so desperate for socks but they must have been important. "Surely he could have queued up like the rest of us."

CAUGHT ON CAM Cameron is seen buying white socks

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School's out ..of money, PM

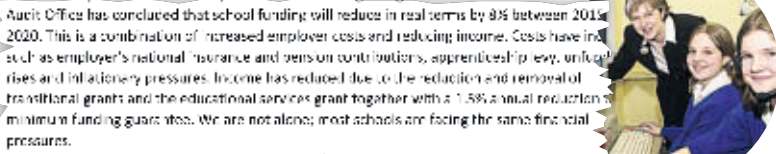


CHURCH Mrs May and husband yesterday

EXCLUSIVE
BY **BEN GLAZE** Deputy Political Editor
A SCHOOL in Theresa May's own backyard is axing staff in a bid to plug a £200,000 black hole caused by Tory cuts.

It comes as education staff across the country reveal the desperate measures to save cash, including getting pupils to Hoover classrooms where cleaners have been axed. And experts warn of a teacher exodus as stressed workers abandon the profession due to Tory attacks. The Piggott School in Mrs May's Maidenhead constituency in Berkshire sent a letter to parents outlining a host of job losses and cost-saving measures. Head teacher Derren Gray said: "We are not alone. Most schools are facing the same financial pressures." Despite the PM's pledge to plough cash into education if she wins the

» Head in May's patch axes



WARNING Mr Gray's letter and, inset, Mrs May visits school in 2003 election, schools face a real-terms drop of £3billion once inflation is taken into account. Mr Gray warned parents he would not replace "some teachers or support staff to reduce spare capacity", scrap certain subjects and raise charges for school trips. Shadow Education Secretary Angela Rayner branded the heart-

Mix of faiths in class 'vital'

EXCLUSIVE BY **MARK ELLIS** Education Correspondent
PLANS by Theresa May to remove the cap limiting religious selection in state schools will create an "educational apartheid", campaigners warn. The Prime Minister has pushed to

staff over cuts » It faces £200k black hole

breaking letter a "massive humiliation" for Mrs May. She added: "This lays bare the scale of Tory underfunding of schools. "The PM has ignored warnings from heads, teachers, parents on the impact of her policies and now she is ignoring the people she's meant to represent as an MP." Lib Dem leader Tim Farron added: "This shows for all their warm words the Tories are utter hypocrites." One parent at The Piggott School, in Wargrave, said: "I'm worried about the

potential impact on the children." Mrs May has boasted of her links to The Piggott School, which takes pupils from the age of four to 18, on her website. She has visited the site and welcomed its switch to an academy in 2011, saying: "It is great that another local school has successfully converted." In other examples of schools suffering due to savage cuts, Furzedown Primary in Wandsworth, South West London, has asked older pupils to help clean

classrooms after workers were axed. Head Monica Kitchlew-Wilson even had to get her husband to do odd jobs. And she told how parents are buying new equipment and classroom material as the school faces a £100,000 loss in its funding. She said: "It's not right. State schools should be funded by the state." The think-tank Education Datalab warned teachers are flocking to leave the job because of the pressure they are



UNDER PRESSURE The Piggott School under. Director Rebecca Allen said: "I think as a profession they're exhausted. Surveys show the proportion of people thinking of leaving is staggeringly high." Figures published last October showed nearly a third of teachers who started in 2010 had left within five years. Despite the cuts, a Tory spokesman insisted: "We will increase the schools budget by £4billion by 2022." ben.glaze@mirror.co.uk
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GOOD CAMPAIGN DAY



Robert Peston: The TV interviewer acted for many when he banged his head on the desk in frustration with Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon.

BAD HAIR DAY



Diane Abbott: was asked about the IRA and ended up talking about her hair.
STAT OF THE DAY
34 years ago that Diane Abbott had Afro.

TWEET OF THE DAY

"British Prime Minister May was very angry that the info the UK gave to U.S about Manchester was leaked. Gave me full details!"
Donald Trump - @realDonaldTrump - leaks details of his private conversation with Theresa May.

STOP THE TORY LANDSLIDE



Seat: **Brentford**
Labour: **Ruth Cadbury**
Notional majority: **465**

Tsar to tackle home abuse

THE Tories plan to appoint a domestic violence tsar if they win on June 8. Theresa May said a new commissioner would spearhead the fight against violence in relationships and help support victims. The PM said: "We will launch a drive to help survivors find justice." But critics said Government cuts have triggered closures of women's refuges, with more 30 hit since 2010.